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ATHENS AND WARSAW FOR AGATTS

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SUBJECT: MARKET DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TASK FORCE TO EASTERN

EUROPE: BULGARIA

REF: A) STATE 069046 (NOTAL); B) STATE 069047 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES MAY 4-9 VISIT OF TASK FORCE TO BULGARIA (REF A) AS USEFUL STEP FORWARD IN INCREASING US AGRICULTURAL SALES TO BULGARIA AND IN DEVELOPING OVERALL US/BULGARIAN AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION.
2. REGARDING TRAVEL SCHEDULE (PARA 2, REF A), LZ 108 OF MAY 4 DEPARTS WARSAW AT 1825 (VICE 1725). ARRIVAL TIME IN SOFIA REMAINS 2020.
3. EMBASSY AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE PHILLIPSEN WILL PARTICIPATE FULLY IN VISIT, ARRIVING IN SOFIA FROM ATHENS MAY 4 AND RETURNING TO ATHENS MAY 10.
4. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT TASK FORCE ACCEPT BEREMSKI'S OFFER TO HAVE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRY

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MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS. SUGGEST NEW HOTEL EVROPA AS APPROPRIATE.

5. EMBASSY FINDS PROPOSED PROGRAM (PARA 1, REF B) EXCELLENT AND QUITE COMPREHENSIVE. CORRECT NAME OF NIM AG DEPUTY MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR LIVESTOCK AND PLANT PROTECTION IS DENCHO DENCHEV (VICE PENCHEV). GENERAL DIRECTOR OF MIN AG ASSOCIA-

TION FOR POULTRY RAISING IS TSONKO TSONKOV. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO OFFER RECEPTION FOR TASK FORCE AND BULGARIAN OFFICIALS. WE WILL WORK OUT APPROPRIATE TIMZ IN SCHEDULE WITH MIN AG.

6. REQUEST CLARIFICATION REGARDING VISIT OF SECOND TEAM TO BULGARIA (PARA 5, REF A). OUR PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDING (FASTO CIRC 08 OF JANUARY 6, 1978) HAD BEEN THAT ONE TEAM WOULD VISIT BULGARIA, POLAND AND GDR, AND THE OTHER CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, AND ROMANIA.

7. FOR PHILLIPSEN, ATHENS: TAROM'S FLIGHT RO 230 FROM ATHENS TO SOFIA ENDS AS OF MARCH 30. WE DO NOT HAVE SPRING SCHEDULE YET BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT RO 204 FROM ATHENS TO BUCHAREST MAY STOP IN SOFIA.
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